

REMARKS

Pending claims

Claims 1 and 15-34 have been canceled without prejudice to filing a divisional application containing the same. After these amendments are entered, eighteen (13) claims (claims 2-14) are pending.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1 and 31-34 were rejected by the examiner under 35 U.S.C §112, first paragraph or second paragraph. This rejection is moot in view of cancellation of these claims.

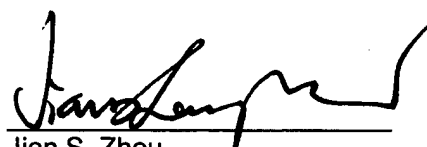
Claim 1 was rejected by the examiner under 35 U.S.C §102 (b) as being anticipated by Fan et al. (U.S. Patent 5,509,899). This rejection is moot in view of cancellation of this claim.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing and in conclusion, Applicants submit that all of the pending claims are now in conditions for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that a discussion with Applicants' representative would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned. Please address all correspondence to Robert Gorman, CIBA Vision, Patent Department, 11460 Johns Creek Parkway, Duluth, GA 30097. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2965.

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